

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
9:00 a.m. For Morning Hour 10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business Unlimited "One-minutes" Per Side	Last Vote: Late Afternoon

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 481–Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2641–Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2008 (Rep. Matsui–Rules):** The open rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Matsui and consideration will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the motion.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule.**
- **H.R. 2641–Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2008 (Rep. Visclosky–Appropriations):** Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. David Obey, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**
- **Postponed Suspension Votes (4 bills):** At some point today, the House will take recorded votes on the following suspension bills, which were debated on Monday:
 1. S. 1352 – A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the

"Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building" (Sen. Durbin – Oversight and Government Reform)

2. H.Con.Res. 21 – Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel (Rep. Rothman – Foreign Affairs)
3. H.R. 2359 – SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs Act of 2007 (Rep. Sestak – Small Business)
4. H.R. 2284 – To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians (Rep. Udall (NM) – Small Business)

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 2641 - 2008 ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Bill Total

2007 Enacted: \$30.3 billion

President's Request: \$30.5 billion

Committee Mark: \$31.6 billion

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: \$25.243 billion, \$1.150 billion above 2007 and \$480 million above the President's request.

- **Office of Science:** \$4.516 billion, \$116.2 million above President's request and \$716.8 million above 2007 for basic scientific research, supporting 3,500 additional researchers and allowing almost all of the science facilities to operate at maximum capacity.
 - **Climate Change Science:** \$150 million for research into Climate Change.
 - **Basic Energy Research:** \$208 million for research into improving technology for energy storage and generation.
- **Reducing Our Dependence on Foreign Oil in a Way that Cuts Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** \$1.9 billion, \$638 million above President's request and \$400 million above 2007 for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.
- **Nuclear Energy (Non-GNEP):** \$639.2 million, \$232.5 million above President's request and \$324.5 million above 2007 including funding for a Next Generation Nuclear Power Plant at the Idaho National Lab that will use safer, more efficient technology.
- **Fossil Energy:** \$708.8 million, \$142 million above President's request and \$116.2 million above 2007 for: demonstration of technology that captures carbon exhaust as recommended in the MIT Coal report; improvements to existing coal power plants that were zeroed in the request; and the FutureGen initiative to create the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.

- **Environmental Clean-up:** \$6.671 billion, \$358.8 million above President's request and \$30.9 million below 2007 to clean up contamination from 60 years of manufacturing nuclear weapons and various cancelled projects for handling spent nuclear fuel.
- **Nuclear Nonproliferation:** \$1.684 billion, \$11 million above President's request and \$.3 million above 2007 bringing total available funding for nonproliferation to \$2.07 billion due to \$387 million available from prior years.
 - **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Fuel Bank:** \$100 million to establish an IAEA nuclear fuel bank to create a reliable source of nuclear fuel for countries should their traditional sources be interrupted. This would eliminate the need for countries to develop their own nuclear fuel uranium enrichment programs.
- **Yucca Mountain:** \$494.5 million, \$48.8 million above 2007, matching President's request for nuclear waste disposal.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS: \$5.584 billion, \$246 million above 2007 and \$713.4 million above the President's request.

- **Operations and Maintenance:** \$2.655 billion to address an over \$1 billion backlog of operations and maintenance needs to sustain the coastal and inland navigation infrastructure critical to the U.S. economy.
- **Construction:** \$2.009 billion for projects including on-going measures to address gaps in flood protection put in the spotlight after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.
- **Hydropower:** \$95 million to repair and update hydropower dams to increase energy production.
- **Management Reforms:** Continues management reforms instituted at the Corps of Engineers, including the requirement for five-year plans and limitations on reprogramming and contracting methods.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project: \$1.073 billion, \$72 million above President's request and \$13.9 million above 2007 for dams, canals, water treatment and conservation, and rural water projects.

SIGNIFICANT CUTS

- **Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** \$163.5 million, \$168.1 million below President's request and \$1 million below 2007, rejecting the President's proposal to double the size of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve so as to instead invest in conservation measures and alternative fuels.
- **Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP):** \$120 million, \$285 million below President's request and \$47.5 million below 2007 for the initiative to reprocess spent nuclear fuel and burn long-lived radioactive materials.
- **Weapons Programs:** \$5.9 billion, \$632 million below President's request and \$396 million below 2007 with cuts to 37 specific weapons program accounts.
- **Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MOX):** \$167.8 million, cut \$263.5 million below President's request and \$115.1 million below 2007 because the Administration asked for more than could be spent in 2008 and last year's funds are sufficient to continue construction.

Quote of the Day

“A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.” – Wayne Gretzky

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